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Plymouth official blasts DTE plan

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *He criticized the "enhanced tree trimming" plan cited by DTE which did not include the local substation.*

Last week, Plymouth Township resident John (Jack) Dempsey made his opinions clear to the members of the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) set to review the five-year distribution investment and maintenance plans for DTE Electric, Consumers Energy and Indiana Michigan Power.

Dempsey said he hopes his May 11 letter addressed to the executive secretary of the commission will challenge DTE to modernize its infrastructure and alleviate the numerous distribution-related outages in the community. Plymouth residents have repeatedly lost electric power during the past month, said to have been caused by a spring storm. Dempsey said he is also concerned about the circumstances in which a Detroit woman died after coming into contact with a downed electric line.

The PSC order provides a means for public comment and Dempsey, a retired attorney who formerly served as a Michigan assistant attorney general and currently serves as a Plymouth Township trustee took the opportunity to respond. Dempsey stressed that he was commenting as a private citizen although he has 30 years in law with a specialty in energy legislation.

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Again this year, the Van Buren Township Public Safety Honor Guard will open the Memorial Day program at the Yankee Air Museum.
Photo by Al Hudson, Yankee Air Museum.

Memorial Day celebrations planned

For nearly 150 years, Americans have gathered in late spring to honor the sacrifice of those who have given their lives in service to their country. What began with dozens of informal commemorations of those killed in the Civil War has grown to become one of the nation's most solemn and hallowed holidays. Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Locally, several communities have planned parades and celebrations of the day.

Belleville:

The Yankee Air Museum will host the annual program dedicated to honoring the military men and women who were killed serving the United States beginning at 9 a.m. Monday. The short event will begin with the Presentation of Colors by the Van Buren Public Safety Honor Guard & Rifles. The keynote address will be given by Yankee Air Museum B-25 pilot and retired United States Marine Tony Buttacavoli.

The Yankee Air Museum is located at 47884 D Street, Belleville, on the grounds of historic Willow Run Airport. There will be no charge to attend the service.

Canton Township

The Canton Fire Department's Honor Guard will be hosting a Memorial Day service at 10 a.m. Monday. The event will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Center located in Heritage Park (directly behind the Canton Administration Building), 1150 S. Canton Center Road, in Canton.

Representatives from the United States Marine Corps will be present for a ceremonial wreath posting at the 1st Battalion 24th Marine Division Memorial. A roll call will also take place for the "Fallen 22" Marines that were deployed for duty in 2006-07 to Iraq, giving their lives for their country.

The public is invited to attend this memorial service honoring the Marines and all service members.

City of Inkster

The 49th Annual Memorial Day Parade in the City of Inkster will begin at noon May 28.

The parade will begin on Hamlin Drive (west of Inkster Road) at Michigan Avenue continuing eastbound on Michigan Avenue to Bayhan and travel south to eastbound Trowbridge to Inkster City Hall at 26215 Trowbridge.

This year the Bivins Bonner Post #285 will unveil the Veterans Memorial in a ceremony honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Additional information is available at Inkster City Hall Clerk's Office (313) 563-9770 or Parade Coordinator Councilwoman Sandra Watley at (313) 562-7103.

City of Northville Northville

Hosted by VFW Post 4012, the Memorial Day Parade in downtown Northville will step off at 10 a.m. on Griswold at Northville Downs. The parade will proceed west on Main Street to Hutton, to Dunlap, to south on Center to Cady, west on Cady, stopping at Oakwood Cemetery, then proceeding to First, Fairbrook and ending at noon at the Veterans' Memorial at Rural Hill Cemetery.

City of Plymouth

The Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9 a.m. on May 28 and will march up Main Street ending at Veteran's Park at Main and Church streets. There will be a special program at the park honoring veterans.

City of Romulus

The City of Romulus will host a Memorial Day Veteran's Ceremony at 11:30 a.m. at Romulus Historical Park. The park is located at 11120 Hunt St. in Romulus.

Wayne-Westland

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council has canceled the Memorial Day Parade this year.

A member of the parade council said the cancellation was due to a lack of participation.

She said that more than 200 invitations to participate had been mailed but only 15 responses had been received.

Romulus council OKs balanced budget

The City of Romulus will have a balanced budget next year, but they'll have to borrow from their fund balance to get it.

Members of the city council unanimously approved the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget last week; it goes into effect in July.

> *It's been a lot of work. But we've got a good team going through this.*

"Of all the years of my budget involvement, either on the legislative or administrative side, this has by far been the toughest one," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "It's been a lot of work. But we've got a good team going through this."

The good news for residents is that the millage rate will stay essentially the same. The budget, in its current form, shows expenses of about $22.4 million and revenues of about $18.9 million, necessitating an appropriation of about $3.5 million from the city fund balance. With the reduction, the city will still have about $4 million in reserves.

Burcroff said a number of factors fed into the situation, including the 34th District Court construction project. The city sold bonds to fund the $17 million courthouse, but those bonds will be repaid through the fees assessed by the court,

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Canton - Wayne

Road repair millage OK'd by Canton board

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist cast the lone no vote on funding unbudgeted repair work for township tennis and basketball courts during a recent township meeting.. He cited the uncertainty of the approval by voters of a 1.45-mill, 20-year, road millage the board members had placed on the election ballot in August.

"We don't know what the community is going to do. I have heartburn about the capital projects out there," said Siegrist.

According to township officials, the millage would cost the average Canton property owner an additional $145 per year, or about $3 each week if approved. The millage would generate an estimated $5,506,872 each year to be used to repair and maintain the roads in the township. That amount would increase each year only by the rate of inflation, as prescribed by the Headlee amendment, officials said.

The millage is necessary due to the inadequate road funding received from the county, state and federal governments, the board members agreed during discussions of the issue.

They also agreed that it was a difficult decision to place the issue on the ballot.

While the board members could have increased the township tax rate without a vote, trustees opted to put the questions to voters.

> *Raising taxes isn't something anyone wants to do, but doing nothing is not an option.*

"Raising taxes isn't something anyone wants to do, but doing nothing is not an option," Trustee John Anthony said during discussions of the millage question. "I'm comfortable with this because we're leaving it up to the residents to decide; we're not telling them that this is what's going to happen."

Siegrist said during the discussions that, "Michigan spends per capita one-third less on road repairs and maintenance than our neighboring states." He added that a recent business magazine article claimed that Michigan residents pay an average of more than $800 annually for car repairs directly related to poor road conditions.

During the recent meeting, Township Treasurer Dian Slavens sympathized with Siegrist's concerns regarding voters' approval of the road millage.

"I understand where you're coming from," she said.

She said that she and other board members are concerned about access to township recreation facilities, with some tennis courts closed due to cracks in the surfaces that are creating hazards.

The slated repair work includes work at Griffin, Freedom and Flodin parks.

"Looking at the condition of these courts, you are going to have to do it sometime in the next couple years," said Trustee Steven Sneideman, who joined the other board members in approving some of the repair funds.

The repair work was approved by a 6-1 vote of the board members.

Hospital visit

Beaumont, Wayne hosts area students

About 100 students visited Beaumont Hospital, Wayne and the Canton Emergency Center for a Canton Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Youth Career Event. Carolyn Wilson, senior vice president of Operations, Beaumont Health, addressed the group, along with Beaumont Hospital, Wayne President Eric Widner and Jose Kottoor, vice president of operations at the hospital.

At Beaumont, Wayne, students heard remarks from the senior leaders, as well as physicians and members of the nursing, pharmacy and human resources teams. Many of the clinical staff made presentations discussing career paths in health care, their individual roles, education and training.

Speakers also covered subjects such as the outlook for jobs in the health care field, what to expect during residency programs, and approximate salary ranges.

"We are always looking to inspire the next generation of health care providers and administrators," said Jose Kotoor, vice president of operations, Beaumont Hospital, Wayne. "Students toured clinical departments and had the opportunity to speak with and ask questions of experts in orthopedics, the emergency department, the lab and radiology, just to name a few. "

A surprise guest was Dr. Muzammil Ahmed, a urologist at Beaumont, Wayne. He visited with the students when he learned they were from Plymouth-Canton High School, his alma mater, and made impromptu remarks about health care, education and his career path.

Following the presentations, the students toured hospital departments and heard from staff about what a day could be like working in those areas. Students were encouraged to ask questions or give comments, and at times go to participate in hands-on activities, like strength testing in the physical therapy area.

Students took tours of several hospital departments and experienced the close quarters of an ambulance. Photo by Dave Willett

Other leaders on hand were City of Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe and Thomas Paden, president, Canton Chamber of Commerce. Students were presented with tote bags from Beaumont as a thank you for participating.

Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden speaks to students during the career day last week co-hosted by Beaumont Hospital, Wayne.

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
Sanitary Sewer Manhole Adjustment Program

Sealed bids for 2018 Sanitary Manhole Adjustment Program will be accepted at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office until Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 3:00 PM local time, at which time the bids will be publicly opened. There are approximately 388 buried sanitary manhole structures to be adjusted to grade located throughout the Township. Contract documents are available through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) site at www.mitn.info or on the Township website at www.plymouthtownship.org **PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BIDS AND/OR TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES IN BIDS.**

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Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 7, 2018 for the following:

DIGITAL MEDIA AND AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
Friendship Station Improvements

Sealed bids for Friendship Station Improvements will be accepted at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office until Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 2:00 PM local time, at which time the bids will be publicly opened. An optional on-site pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth, MI. There is approximately 1500 SF of 4" Concrete Pavement, 113 LF of Masonry Wall to be installed and 4 Interior Doors to be installed. Complete Contract documents are available through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) site at www.mitn.info or on the Township website at www.plymouthtownship.org **PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BIDS AND/OR TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES IN BIDS.**

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NORTHVILLE - WESTLAND

Rum runners and mafia dons

Author discusses history of crime in Detroit

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Crime was big business in Detroit during Prohibition when nearly 75 percent of all liquor came through the city where more than 20,000 illegal speakeasies and "blind pigs" operated.

That was just one of the historical facts Professor James Buccellato of Northern Arizona University revealed to his audience at a Northville Historical Society forum last week.

Buccellato, a Detroit native and former Wayne State University faculty member, spent five years researching his book, "Early Organized Crime in Detroit: Vice, Corruption and the Rise of the Mafia" published in 2015.

He explained that while nearly everyone has heard of Prohibition, or the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which made alcohol sales and manufacturing illegal, most people do not understand the wide-ranging effects of that historical period on the history of our country. He noted that a lesser-known fact is that Michigan enacted a statewide liquor ban in 1916.

His book focuses primarily on the Italian mafia, noting others have written books on other aspects of organized crime.

"It's all about the money. If you can make money, it doesn't matter your ethnic origin," he said.

The 1916 liquor ban in Michigan brought an influx of gangsters from Ohio when a case of liquor cost $8 in Toledo and could be driven up Dixie Highway to Detroit and sold for $75.

"They could do it on a mass scale," he said of organized crime involvement then, citing manpower and transportation.

The criminals didn't have many problems with unpaid debts, Buccellato said.

"If you didn't pay up, they didn't just send you a letter," Buccellato said of loan sharks. He noted threats of burning down a business or throwing a brick through a window.

He now teaches in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University in Arizona. Many of his students have Detroit roots and family, visiting to "find out more about their city."

His book covers the 1800s through 1930s, and Buccellato notes drugs aren't new here. "Actually that's been a vice racket in Detroit from the very beginning," he told the audience. Even auto theft isn't new.

"A lot of it was horse theft. The auto was not common then," he said.

Detroit's proximity to Windsor made it the source of "rum running."

"Most of it ends up in Detroit. Very narrow (the Detroit River), easy to cross. Just drive across the river. In some cases, people would even walk across," he said.

"That's where they made the most money and the underworld got involved in it. Almost everybody was in on it," he said.

He acknowledged public corruption included bribing of judges and police, noting it's key to "contextualize." Some officials would "charge by the hour" to look the other way, or seek information to then bust a rival gang member.

Radio host Gerald Buckley was assassinated July 22, 1930, after speaking out repeatedly against corruption. His murder came the day of a successful recall of then-Detroit Mayor Charles Bowles.

"This is a public execution of the most popular radio host in the country," he said, noting radio was new then as a mass medium.

Buccellato learned of Henry Ford's links to organized crime through his anti-labor, right-hand man, Harry Bennett, who hired strikebreakers to work against the burgeoning labor movement.

Ford was also worried about the safety of his grandchildren and feared they might be kidnapped. He reportedly used his mob contacts to safeguard them, the speaker noted.

Buccellato described pills, prostitution, and gambling taking place on factory floors, with some employers turning a blind eye to the crimes, only caring if the work was done.

He detailed the migration from coastal northern Sicily of organized crime families. As the predominantly Jewish Purple Gang fell in the 1930s, partly from killing each other off, Italian mobsters approached the remaining crime organization.

"Sometimes we don't understand quite how lawless it was. Certainly there are challenges now and we shouldn't ignore that," he concluded.

He acknowledged public corruption remains while praising the Detroit Police Department of recent years. He noted organized crime is now less Italian and more ethnically diverse.

Tom Gudritz of Northville, who organized the lecture, said Buccellato's book is "a short read but it is eye-opening."

Gudritz, who served on the Northville Historical Society Board of Directors, said he was impressed with the "depth and breadth of the book." He was surprised at the history of Detroit, being more familiar with Chicago and New York.

"And the violence, how violent it was," he added.

Buccellato said his research had an unexpected result when he learned of "my own family's involvement.

"That's another book," he said.

Professor James Buccellato

Family fair

Family Resource Fair volunteers Daniaya Williams and Shane Riffle serve up pizza and other food outside the Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center of Westland during the fourth annual event. Participants learned about a variety of social services and related opportunities during the evening event. Sponsors included the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, Westland Rotary, City of Westland, Blue Cross Complete of Michigan, and Wayne-Westland Cardio Drumming, which offered an outdoor class. Photo by Julie Brown

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Notice of Public Hearing
Charter Township of Canton
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Program Year (PY) 2018 Action Plan

The Charter Township of Canton is developing its **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2018 from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019** for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds at **$323,085**

The Finance Department encourages all parties to participate at a PUBLIC HEARING on **Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 1:00 P.M. at the Canton Administration Building - Meeting Room A, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan.** Otherwise all communications should be addressed in writing to the Financial Analyst, Canton Township- Finance Department, Mike Sheppard, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton , Michigan, 48188.

Canton will provide technical assistance to citizens and groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing funding request proposals and in the review of program activities and program performance. In addition, Canton will make adequate provisions to assist non-English speaking residents in interpreting program opportunities and provisions on a case-by-case basis, as well as provide auxiliary aides and services for individuals with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations must contact Mike Sheppard at **(734) 394-5225**, e-mail mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org or in writing to the Finance Department, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton MI 48188 **ATTN: Action Plan Hearing.** Requests for special accommodations must be made with reasonable advance notice.

Mike Sheppard
Financial Analyst
Finance Department

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

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Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
JUNE 14, 2018

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Cathryn Colthurst and Greg Greco.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: May 10th, 2018 Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Svetlana Vrubel for property located at 41661 Ford Road, on the South side of Ford Road between N. Haggerty and N. Lilley Roads, Zoning C-3, appealing Article 6A.03, Signs, Compliance Parcel ID 71-053-99-0004-001 (Building)

2. Applicant Kevin Foley for property located at 5596 N. Lilley Road, on the South side of Ford between N. Lilley and Haggerty Roads, Zoning C-3 appealing Section 6A.15 Signs Permitted in all commercial and Industrial Districts Revision to existing variance of October 8, 2015 Parcel ID 71-053-99-0011-000 (Building)

3. Applicant Dino Demare, for property located at 401 Canterbury Circle, on the East side of S. Haggerty between Cherry Hill and Ford Roads, Zoning MR, appealing Article 2.00 General Provision, Section 2.24C Setbacks from Wetland Areas and Watercourses, Parcel ID 71-050-99-0023-003 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact
Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
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A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org CN1706 - 052418 2.5 x 4.953

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY JUNE 7, 2018
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2018 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1570, R78-058-01-0062-000, 44595 Marc Trail, R-1 zoning district, Tabled from May 3, 2018: is requesting two variances:
  1. To install a six foot (6') fence around the rear property line whereas a four foot (4') is allowed. *The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.*
  2. To allow the rear property line fence to come within (3) feet from the side street corner whereas (20) feet is required. *The variance requested is (17) feet.*
- Application 1571, R78-061-99-0012-002, 111 Ann Arbor RD, ARC zoning district, The applicant is requesting two variances with a conditional approval by ZBA based on Planning Commission approving letter heights over 16".
  1. To allow (3) wall signs with individual letters totally 132 square feet of area, whereas a total of 90 square feet is allowed. *The variance requested is 42 square feet of signable area.*
  2. To allow a third wall sign on a corner lot whereas (2) are permitted. *Variance requested is a 3rd wall sign.*
- Application 1572, R78-022-01-0243-000, 14422 Huntington, R-1 zoning district is requesting one variance:
  1. To allow a six (6) foot fence around the rear yard property line whereas a four (4) foot fence height is the maximum allowed. *The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.*
- Application 1574, R78-022-01-0024-000, 14434 Huntington, R-1 zoning district is requesting one variance:
  1. To allow a six (6) foot fence around the rear yard property line whereas a four (4) foot fence height is the maximum allowed. *The variance requested is two (2) feet of fence height.*
- Application 1573, R78-039-03-0077-000, 12173 Deer Creek CR, R-1-H zoning district is requesting one variance:
  1. To reduce the rear yard setback to (40) feet to construct a screened porch whereas (50) feet is required. *The variance requested is (10) feet.*
- Application 1575, R78-058-03-0047-000, 9320 Mayflower, R-1 zoning district is requesting one variance:
  1. To reduce the side yard setback to (6) feet (8) inches whereas (10) feet (6) inches would be required with the other side yard being Five (5) feet Four (4) inches to equal the (16) foot side yard requirement total. *The variance requested is (4) feet of side yard setback.*

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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Romulus

Schools to place sinking fund on August ballot

Members of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved placing a comprehensive 3-mill sinking fund proposal on the Aug. 7 election ballot.

Board members said approval of the sinking fund question by voters would generate about $2.3 million each year, for 10 years. Trustees estimated the cost of the millage to a resident of a $100,000 home at about 40 cents more per day in property taxes. "The majority of residents that reside in the school district will pay less than $10 per month," school officials said.

The primary purpose of the 10-year proposal is to enhance school security and student safety, to remodel and upgrade schools and school facilities, and to upgrade and add technology equipment and technology infrastructure, noted Superintendent of Schools Marjie McAnally.

"The needs we expressed a year ago have not gone away," said McAnally. "More than before, we need to repair and renovate our schools. We need to expand our ongoing efforts to improve school security and student safety we need to upgrade our instructional technology."

> *"The average building age is 50-years-old making the list of priority projects quite extensive.*

McAnally said that the sinking fund proposal will affect every Romulus student and reflect on the well being of the Romulus community.

"We believe the best way to address the school district's priority needs is with a pay-as-you-go sinking fund," she said. "With a sinking fund, the school district does not accumulate debt and does not pay interest on sinking fund revenue."

The average building age is 50-years-old making the list of priority projects quite extensive, according to McAnally.

"It includes such things as upgrading HVAC systems, replacing roofs, doors, and windows, renovating restrooms, repairing and replacing parking lots, and improving school sites, including playgrounds. There are no frills on the project list."

The Barton Malow construction company conducted a facilities needs assessment on all buildings within the district and concluded that there is $25 million worth of repairs needed.

McAnally said a complete list of sinking fund projects will be posted on the school district website (www.romulus.net) and displayed in each school lobby.

School Board Secretary Theresa Beard said she believes the sinking fund is necessary to support the Romulus educational program and to assure that schools and school facilities are up-to-date and in good repair.

"It is essential that we address the sinking fund projects that school staff members and citizens have prioritized," she said. "Quite simply, this is a cut and dry plan for addressing repairs and renovations that are necessary and need immediate attention."

Beard emphasized that voter approval of the sinking fund proposal would enhance Romulus' education program and likely have a positive effect on property values in the community. The majority of state funding goes to paying educators with little left for building maintenance making shortfalls common, she explained. As a result sinking funds have become a common way for districts to take care of building repairs. As a result sinking funds have become a common way for districts to take care of building repairs.

McAnally said that the school district will produce informational materials to explain the various sinking fund projects.

"This year we want to make sure members of the community understand every aspect of the proposal and that all their questions are answered before the Aug. 7 vote," she said. "We encourage residents to visit our website, attend school board meetings, and contact us if they have any questions."

Budget

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not by taxpayers. Even so, it means the court will contribute about $1 million less to the annual budget than it had in previous years.

There has been development in the city, notably the Amazon distribution center, but that and other major developments are within the DDA or TIFA tax districts, so the additional tax revenue from them flows into those budgets. While the city did receive revenue from the building permits, Suzanne Moreno, director of financial services for the city, said those were one-time revenues that would not be counted on every year.

"It's not something that will happen every year," she said. "It's not what you should be basing your budget on."

The general municipal finance model in Michigan is a factor, too. Although, like other communities, property values have recovered from the economic downtown that took place about 10 years ago, municipal budgets have not, because tax rates cannot increase higher than the rate of inflation or 3 percent, whichever is lower.

"We were warned this was coming up from Plante Moran, years ago," said Council President John Barden.

The city took steps to alleviate the potential funding crisis-there are 124 full-time employees in the city today, compared to 174 in 2008/2009-but Burcroff said more needs to be done.

"We need to find some long-term and short-term solutions for the budget," he said. "Some things are beyond our control, but there are some things within our control. That's what we're going to focus on."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

The Romulus Board of Education will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2018-2019 budget on June 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Office at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Ml 48174.

A copy of the proposed 2018-2019 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection in the Romulus Board of Education Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 8, 2018.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of
Education. Theresa Beard, Secretary
Board of Education

Publish: May 28, 2018

INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF ROMULUS
ITB 17/18-51 New 34th District Court
Bid Package No. 2 - Foundations, Steel and Elevators

The City of Romulus and the George W. Auch Company will receive firm subcontractor bids for Bid Package No. 2 for the New 34th District Court project at the 11129 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. The work includes sitework for the new 34th District Court project including foundations, structural steel, and elevators.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on site, 11111 Wayne Road on May 31, 2018 at 11:00AM. Meet promptly at City Hall, lobby.

Sealed bids identified with the company's name, are to be submitted in an opaque envelope marked "Sealed Bid, Do Not Open" and be delivered in the City of Romulus Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 pm. on June 12, 2018. The bid envelopes shall be addressed:

ITB 17/18-51 New 34th District Court Project,
Bid Package 2: Foundations, Steel and Elevators
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Complete sets of documents may be downloaded electronically from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn or Pipeline and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 65 University Drive, Pontiac, MI 48342 248.334.2000, (Construction Manager) and the City of Romulus Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, on or after **May 24, 2018**.

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. A contract may ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist without first being approved by a formal action of the members of the Romulus City Council and only after all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

All questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed only to Danielle Eschner, George W. Auch Company 248.334.2000 or via email at deschner@auchconstruction.com

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Excused: Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-148 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 23, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-149 2B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 23, 2018 – open session, 2018/2019 City Budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Executive Director of Senior Alliance, Tamera Kiger, presented the annual report on behalf of the Senior Alliance Plan. City Ordinance Director, Bonnie Freeman, presented the Pucks for Pets Animal Shelter Fundraiser proceeds to Mayor Burcroff – a check in the amount of $14,700.
18-150 4A. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a resolution recognizing Romulus High School student Gabrielle "Gabby" Futch. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
18-151 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and award ITB 17/18-37 to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Lasercom LLC, for a four-year contract for the printing, handling and mailing services needed for tax statements, assessment notices and water account billing for the City of Romulus Water & Assessment Departments and the Treasurer's Office on an as-needed basis through December 31, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-152 5B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-47 for a fixed two (2) year term for the installation of industrial, commercial, multi-unit residential and residential water meters to the only bidder, Ferguson Waterworks, on an as-needed basis at the pricing as reflected in the company's bid contract for these services to end 05/07/2020, contingent upon the final negotiation of the language of the contract by the City's Attorney and the Contractor. Discussion: Councilwoman Webb asked that Council be provided a copy of the final contract. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-153 5C. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 17/18-48 for mulch product to the lowest, responsive and most responsible bidder, Kamps Pallets, Inc. on an as-needed basis for all departments for two-year prices as reflected in the company's bid. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-154 5D (1). Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB-FH-17/18-2062, for the purchase of road salt for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 road salt season, under the terms of the MITN Cooperative Bid, hosted by the City of Farmington Hills, from Detroit Salt Company. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-155 5D (2). Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the extension of the bid of each of the three subsequent years per the terms of the solicitation documents if the bid is mutually extended by the company and the hosting agent. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-156 5E. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a 36 month agreement with BidNet Direct for internet solicitation publication services through May 1, 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-157 5F. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and city clerk to enter into agreements with Van Buren Township to provide water service to 8880 Hannan Road and 8812 Hannan Road, with acknowledgment from Van Buren Township that they will become the City of Romulus water services customer. Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth asked if normal tap-in fees will be included in the agreement – Asst. DPW Director, Kathy Ritter, said yes, the normal tap-in fee is approximately $3,500. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-158 5G. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the DPW to dispose of the following vehicles to Martin Towing, with a disposal fee of $50.00 per vehicle, with all other proceeds deposited into the motor vehicle fund:

1GCEC14W51Z319912	407	2001	CHEVY	PICKUP	071X774	141,651	DPW-GROUNDS
1GCEC14W01Z320546	122	2001	CHEVY	PICKUP	071X886	110,614	DPW-ROADS
				TANDEM			
1FDYY80U3DVA29347	111	1983	FORD	DUMP	071X765	60,050	DPW-ROADS
1GDKC34J9XF009528	438	1999	GMC	3500 1 TON	071X894	66,300	DPW-GROUNDS
							DPW
5B4KP42Y133360207	219	2003	GMC	CARGO VAN	071X819	98,858	WATER/SEWER
							CITY HALL
1GNKE13Z74J217732	R42	2004	CHEVY	TAHOE	071X916	144,277	MEDIA
1GNEK13Z04J218236	603	2004	CHEVY	TAHOE	071X917	172,515	FIRE

Motion Carried Unanimously.
18-159 5H. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and extend Bid 04/05-26 for the Merriman Road 2018 Maintenance Season through WH Cannon in the amount of $45,500 for one year. Discussion: Councilwoman Webb asked if the bushes near Public Service Credit Union would be trimmed, Economic Development Director, Tm Keyes, assured that they would be included in the maintenance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-160 5I. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of the Historical Park pavilion on July 7, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the annual Romulus Historical Society Flea Market and July 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Romulus Historical Society to host the Downriver Historical Organization. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-161 5J. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson Park on June 8, 2018 for the Romulus Middle School's annual 8th grade picnic from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-162 5K. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize a no-fee permit for the 75th Birthday Celebration for Walter's Bar and Bowling Alley on Saturday, May 19, 2018 for the activities to be held at 37452 W. Huron River Drive. Discussion: Time – from 3 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
18-163 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Williams** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee and approve the sale of (Parcel) 80 77 28 0012 000, vacant land located on Whitehorn to John J. Schmitt for $3,500 with a reverter clause stating that a foundation must be constructed within eighteen (18) months. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-164 6A2. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee to convey ownership via quit claim deed of parcel identification numbers 80 077 05 0051 000 and 80 077 05 0053 000 to the City of Romulus Downtown Development Authority. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-165 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a public hearing for Demolition List 18-01 on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report: None.
7. Public Comment:
Senator Ian Conyers introduced himself to City Council. A resident asked about the parcels of land that were sold to the DDA.
8. Unfinished Business:
Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, said the parcels of land that are up for sale – one is located at Grover and Goddard (the old Dairy Dome location) and the other is located at Whitehorn and Goddard.
9. New Business: None.
18-166 9A Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution to congratulate Walter's Bar on 75 years of doing business in the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
10. Communication:
City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg gave a reminder of the free city-wide yard sale to be held from May 17 thru May 21, 2018.
11. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on May 7, 2018. RM0301 - 052418 2.5 x 14.446

BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Rotary Club presents annual scholarships

Scholarship awardees include, from left,: Davis Mears, Lexi Long, Alex Emerson, Noah Copeland, Nina Hardy, Erika Nofz, Shelby Ostrewich.

Seven Belleville High School students were awarded more than $32,500 in scholarship funding from the Rotary Club of Belleville last week.

During the 73rd Annual Scholarship Program at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College, two new scholarships were awarded to students in memory of revered Rotarians.

The new Donald D. Juchartz scholarship was awarded to student Nina Hardy.

This was the first year for this scholarship honoring Mr. Juchartz who was well-known throughout the community, from local farmers to community and national leaders. Mr. Juchartz had a remarkable career in public service, sharing his horticulture expertise locally, nationally, and internationally, through consulting, broadcast and written media. He was also a dedicated Rotarian who exemplified the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

The Charles B. Cozadd scholarship, the second new award dedicated to the memory of a committed Rotarian, went to Shelby Ostrewich. Mr. Cozadd, a respected local attorney, was the contributor of the major estate gift that led to the creation of the foundation that makes the scholarship program possible.

The club also provided college academic scholarships to Davis Mears and Erika Nofz. Community service scholarships were awarded to Noah Copeland and Alexandria Long while the award for vocational education was presented to Alec Emerson.

Club President Julie Hardy offered welcoming remarks prior to the scholarship presentations by Belleville Rotarians Susan Richardson, Debra Juchartz, Rachel Kozlowski, Jerry Richardson, and Keith Bruder.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Judge Brian Oakley from the 34th District Court.

Oakley's presentation stressed the importance of good character. He told the students and audience members that "fame and fortune may be nice but probably aren't the most important things in life."

"Examples of good character are: doing the right and honest thing when no one else is around witnessing, or treating people kindly and fairly when you have nothing to gain by doing so," he said.

He encouraged the students to seek and find their own moral code - whether from a spiritual or secular source - then live by it. He commented it is better to first hire people of character and then teach job skills than try to do it the other way around.

He stressed that individuals always have a choice regarding their attitude in any situation and that "We control our attitude, not others."

In his final comments, among other items, Oakley suggested to the students that it's good, sometimes, to get out of one's comfort zone and try something new to expand personal confidence.

In attendance in support of the students were Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Peter Kudlak, Belleville High School Principal Stacey Buhro and Assistant Principals Brian Roberson, Dan Wright and Scott Wilsey.

Since inception, Rotary Club of Belleville has awarded $522,500 to Belleville High School students through the club scholarship program. This year, as in recent years, the primary funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation which assists the club in the funding or partial funding of many projects.

Canton to host 10-city 5K 'Fasting Walk' and run

A 16-hour fast will end with a 6:30 p.m. 5K Run and Walk in Canton Township on Saturday, June 2.

Ten cities and hundreds of athletes will embrace the spirit of the month by fasting, fundraising, and building community through the annual 5K event. The Detroit area Fasting 5K will start at the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, located at 40440 Palmer Road in Canton. This fundraising event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to everyone and will include participants from various faiths.

"The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center is thrilled to be one of this year's recipient of proceeds from this annual Detroit area event," said Laura Mortier, CPRP, recreation specialist. "We are grateful that Fasting 5K participants are choosing to hold this fundraising event after observing a long day of abstaining from food and water during the holy month of Ramadan. This shows just how dedicated they are to making a difference in our community."

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Since its inception in 2013, Fasting 5K has generated more than $250,000 to support local charities based in the participating cities. Fasting 5K was created to further general acts of goodness during Ramadan, which is a holy month celebrated by the Islamic faith, where healthy Muslims forgo food and water from sunrise to sunset.

Proceeds from this event are annually directed to youth development and educational programs. This year, event organizers are working with organizations providing resources for youth safety against violence, and have selected The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center to receive a portion of the Detroit area proceeds. The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, provides a teen-friendly environment where students from ages 11-17 can participant in supervised afterschool programs, social events, and activities.

For more information or to register for the Fasting 5K Run and Walk, visit www.Fasting5k.org. To learn more about The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 398-5570.

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Beaumont awarded the 'Great Hearts' honor

Pregnancy and childbirth are two of the most significant events in any woman's life.

But giving birth can be a scary and uncertain time and can result in other diagnoses like post-partum depression. Beaumont Hospital, Wayne and Starfish Family Services in Inkster have partnered for more than two decades to care for mothers, babies and families in need.

This year, Beaumont Health has been chosen by Starfish Family Services to receive the Great Hearts award to acknowledge their partnership to provide critical support to at-risk mothers.

"Integrated care better serves individual patient needs," said Eric Widner, president of Beaumont Hospital, Wayne and board member of Starfish Family Services. "Integrated care really aligns with Beaumont's Patient and Family-Centered goals. Mental health and physical health are not separate issues. Our goal is to treat the whole patient and their entire family."

Sherray Rowe is a local mother who benefitted from the services of Starfish experts. She and her husband have two young boys under the age of 5. Soon after the birth of her second child, she began noticing changes.

"I have experienced post-partum depression. It's difficult to admit that parenting isn't always fun. It can be overwhelming; it can be chaotic at times. I was stressed out and I was not OK."

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According to the American Psychological Society, about one in seven women in the United States experiences post-partum depression. Symptoms can include anxiety, irritability, sadness, depression, disinterest in the baby, family and friends, and in some cases, thoughts of harming oneself.

"People want to know that you care about them. That you are there in good times or bad times, and that you're there to help them. That's what Starfish represents," said Charles Cash, M.D., a Beaumont obstetrician and gynecologist. "This ongoing care and ongoing commitment is priceless."

Kristina Figaro, a licensed social worker with Starfish, visited Sherray while she was in the hospital and worked with her directly.

"I talked to her about our partnership with Beaumont and how we're home based and come to the home," said Figaro. "We weren't there to tell her what to do and how to do it, but to really support her relationship with her new baby and some of things that she felt could help her feel stronger and more confident as a mom."

Figaro understands how special and unique a woman's health needs are. The work she does every day exemplifies that, and is driven by personal experience. Figaro was also diagnosed with post-partum depression early in her motherhood, and now uses her experience to help others.

"It blew me away. So, for me, having this opportunity to help moms manage something so close and so scary at a time when they are really supposed to be amazing is pretty important to me."

For more information, visit www.starfishfamilyservices.org.

Commissioner hosts dinner

Inkster residents 60 and older have been invited to dinner by Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson.

Anderson will host a free Senior Appreciation dinner from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 at Burton Manor in Livonia. The event will include pasta, salad, cake, entertainment and door prizes. Space is limited to the first 300 to register.

Eligible attendees must be at least 60 or older, a resident of the 12th Commission District, which includes Garden City, Inkster and Westland (north of Palmer Road), and register in advance of the event.

There is a limit of two attendees per registration.

To reserve a seat, contact Anderson's office at (313) 224-8855 or send an email to District12@WayneCounty.com. Those registering will be asked to provide their name, phone number and address to complete the reservation.

Cops to host coffee hour

The Inkster Police Department will continue to host Coffee With A Cop at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Applewood Coney Island. The next session is planned for June 12.

There is no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee with a local police officers, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the neighborhood officers.

The restaurant is located at 28640 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Good job

Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth presents a check for $3,018 to Ruff the Fire Dog as Fire Lt. John Theide looks on. The funds were collected during the 15th annual Romulus Shelter Bowl-a-Thon.

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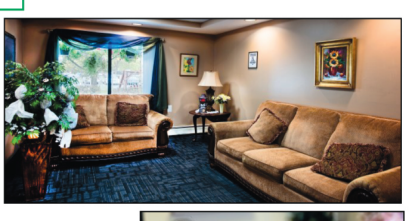

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City, township join in recreation effort

Plymouth Township Trustees and Plymouth City Commissioners have unanimously adopted a 72- page recreation plan for the two communities.

Township board members and city commissioners have agreed to accept the 5-year plan that includes cooperative efforts to provide recreational services for all residents. The new Joint Recreation Plan is the product of several months of planning and consultation from livingLAB, a professional design firm.

"I think this joint plan is an example of the new and improved relationship between the township and the city," township Supervisor Kurt Heise said. "For too many years, the township had blamed the city for a lot of its problems - they used the city as a scapegoat."

The new plan, which includes input from residents, includes six goals and 29 objectives. One of the six goals is "connectivity and accessibility" to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and mobility between local schools, Hines Park and the I-275 bike paths. The plan also focuses on natural resources, facilities and maintenance and a goal of having a park or green space within a 10-minute walk of all residents in both communities. That is a goal first launched by The Trust for Pubic Land, the National Recreation and Parks Association, the Urban Land Institute and supported by the U.S. Conference of Mayors..

Following the approval of the plan by both governing bodies, it will be sent to the Michigan Department of NaturalResources as an aid in seeking state and federal grant funding.

The plan as adopted does not include any additional funding from the budget of either the city or township, officials said, but marks a new environment of cooperation between the two communities.

3 face charges in early-morning armed robbery

Three Detroit men are facing multiple criminal charges in the armed robbery of a Plymouth Township man in his driveway earlier this month.

The three are all being held in the Wayne County Jail, each on a $1 million bond following their respective arraignments in 35th District Court May 3 before Judge Mike Gerou.

Timothy C. McGhee Jr., 19, George L. Perdue Jr., 25, and Kareem J. Gaskew Jr., 23, are charged with one count each of armed robbery, using a gun during a felony and assaulting, resisting or obstructing police. McGhee is also charged with fleeing police.

The victim, 55, told police that he was taking his trash out at about 3 a.m. May 2 when he was accosted in the driveway of his home located in the area of Beck and North Territorial Road. He said that two men, each wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, approached him in his driveway. One of the men, he said, was armed with a handgun and ordered him to lie on the ground and give up his wallet. He told police he cooperated and one of the men took his wallet along with about $400 from his pocket along with the watch he was wearing.

He told police the two left the scene in a dark-colored car parked a few houses down the street from his home.

As the car left the scene, the victim called police and while officers were at the scene taking the report, a City of Plymouth officer made a traffic stop of a speeding black Dodge Charger traveling south on Sheldon Road, according to police reports. As the officer left his patrol car and approached the Charger on foot, the driver drove off traveling east on Ann Arbor Road and then south on I-275. Police officers followed the vehicle but lost sight of the Charger south of Warren Road, according to police reports.

Canton Township officers later discovered a black charged abandoned after it had crashed into a tree and fence near an apartment complex near Haggerty and Palmer roads. Canton officers discovered the wallet and identification of the robbery victim from Plymouth in the vehicle, according to police reports. Police surmised from the scene that the Charger had failed to make a turn and crashed the vehicle.

Canton police saw Gaskew walking along Haggerty Road and found both Perdue and McGhee on the porch of the apartment complex near the crash site. All three were arrested by Canton officers.

The victim identified Perdue and Gaskew, a former employee of the victim. He said he had fired Gaskew several weeks earlier. McGhee was identified by the Plymouth officer as the driver of the Charger he had earlier stopped.

No weapon was recovered at the scene or from the vehicle, according to police.

Letter

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He said his letter was prompted by the repeatedly occurring electric outages that adversely impact thousands of electric customers, often for extended periods of time. The PSC wants answers from DTE as to how the electric company prepared and responded to the storm and if the lack of system maintenance was a factor in the outage and Detroit death. Company officials have until June 29 to file a safety and incident report and the PSC staff will have until Aug. 10 to review the report and respond.

The PSC focuses on the legal aspects and concerns that portions of the DTE distribution system are unable to provide reliable and safe service as required by law during large storms and weather events. DTE could likely face penalties and fines if found by the PSC to be out of compliance with electric service safety regulations.

In his critique of the PSC order, Dempsey was critical of the DTE justifications for the numerous outages, including the conditions of the Plymouth and Plymouth Township substations. He criticized the "enhanced tree trimming" plan cited by DTE which did not include the local substation.

"Allowing these important parts of its distribution system to reach such a state was not a prudent or best practice," Dempsey stated in his comments.

Dempsey urged the commission to take action and asked how regulatory policies have contributed to such a lamentable situation. He stated that the commission's use of the single term "aging" to describe the DTE distribution system as "alarming."

"To the extent the utilities have failed 'to ensure such systems are safe, reliable, and resilient long into the future,' the commission should fashion policies that protect ratepayers from systems that are unsafe, unreliable, and infirm. Transparency and accountability for conditions at the local level need major enhancements," he said.

Members of the public can file comments on the PSC reports until 5 p.m. Sept. 7 by mail to Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909 or by email to mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

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Calendar of events

Romulus library is open

The Romulus Public Library will remain open during construction of the new 34th District Court building which will be built next to the facility.

A portion of the library parking lot has been fenced off and the west entrance to the campus off of Wayne Road is closed. Entrance to the library is available off of Goddard Road north and east of the library.

Maps of the construction area are available in the library for patrons and the information is available on the library website and social media sites. Construction is expected to be complete around this time next year and the parking lot will be resurfaced after the building is completed.

The library will be closed Saturday, May 26, for online system migration and on Monday, May 28 to observe Memorial Day.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Camp registration deadline near

The Wayne-Westland Corps of The Salvation Army will offer Summer Day Camp June 18 through Aug. 24 at the corps on Venoy south of Palmer Road in Westland.

The camp is for boys and girls ages 6-12. There will be all-day field trips each week, gym, art, music, swimming, Bible lessons, games and more.

Registration is under way at the corps, 2300 S. Venoy in Westland, with a May 24 registration deadline. For additional information, call (734) 722-3660.

Additional opportunities such as Family Camp, Teen Camp and more are offered through The Salvation Army, with registration details and eligibility requirements available through the corps.

Jazz at the Elks planned

Jazz @ The Elks happens from 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month. There is a $10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

Jerry McKenzie "Just Jazz" will perform May 29 with Ellie Martin on vocals. Martin will perform great jazz standards from the Great American Songbook and more. Accompanying her will be drummer Stan Kenton, Jerry McKenzie, Ray Tini on bass, and Tad Weed on keyboard.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Senior Summit scheduled

The annual Canton Senior Summit, which usually takes place in September, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 30 this year.

Scheduled renovations at the Summit on the Park this fall necessitated a change in the date.

The Senior Summit will offer: vendor exhibits; health screenings; several presentations; goody bags; lunch and Bingo. A light breakfast will also be provided.

Participants must pre-register and tickets are going fast. To register, contact Canton Club 55+ at (734) 394-5485 to register today.

Blood drive at city hall

Plymouth City Hall will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. May 30.

The drive will take place on the second floor of the city hall building, at 201 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to help save lives, visit www.redcrossblood.org [http://www.redcrossblood.org/] and enter sponsor code PCH or call 1-800-733-2767

Chamber and schools on a roll

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation will host a bowling fundraiser beginning with registration at 7 p.m. June 1 at Lodge Lanes.

The cost is $20 per person which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental and pizza. Bowling will begin at 8 p.m. and there will be prizes for men and women's high games, mystery games and a 50-50 raffle.

Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, 248 Main St. in Belleville.

Lodge Lanes is located at 46255 I-94 Service Dr. in Belleville.

City sponsors equipment sale

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host an All Sports Equipment Sale from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, inside the Plymouth Ice Arena, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth.

Spots can be rented to sell equipment for $20 for each 10 by 10-foot space. All tables, shelves, racks etc. must be able to fit in the 10 by 10 spot. Multiple adjacent spots can be purchased.

Admission to the sale is free.

For more information or to register, go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or call (734) 455-6620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Men's Health Fair set

Big Sisters in Nursing will host a Men's Health and Wellness Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. June 2 at Kutz Hair Studio in Belleville.

The day will include a variety of free health screenings and wellness packets.

Kutz is located at 264 East Columbia Ave. in Belleville. For more information, call (313) 828-8278.

Cancer symposium planned

My Compassion, a federal 501c3, will present "Treating Cancer With Cannabis Symposium" from noon until 5 p.m. June 3, which is National Cancer Survival Day. The program will be presented at the Sheraton Hotel Metro Airport 8000 Merriman Road Romulus, Michigan 48174.

My Compassion is a non-profit group established to educate the public about the positive uses for medical cannabis. The symposium will provide an overview of the use of cannabis and its components as a treatment for people with cancer-related symptoms caused by the disease itself or its treatment.

Guest speakers will include medical doctors, pediatric cancer survivors and mothers. My Compassion Founder and Executive Director Heidi Parikh and founder and cancer coach Theta Living. There will be a live broadcast of the event on the Roberts Scott Bell Show with Dr. Robert Striesfeld as the emcee.

Registration is available at mycompassion.org/treating-cancer. Group rates and student rates are available. For more information, visit mycompassion.org or call (844) 266-6200.

Camp 911 planned

Plymouth City Fire Services in cooperation with Huron Valley Ambulance will host Camp 9-1-1, a free two-day camp July 9 and 10. The camp is open to children ages 8 - 12 and will take place at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day.

Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedics and EMTs serve as camp counselors and teach campers about safety at home and at play, first aid skills, and how to perform CPR and use an AED. Campers' activities include ambulance tours and visiting local hospital emergency departments.

For more information or registration visit camp911.org or http://bit.ly/Camp9112018 [http://bit.ly/Camp9112018]

The camp is limited to 30 students.

Opioid use is topic

The Canton Public Safety Department will host a public forum on the Heroin/Opioid epidemic and how the crisis is impacting the Canton Community beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6.

The forum will take place in the Board Room of the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Police and Fire officials will be joined by guest speakers from the DEA, 35th District Court, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Growth Works to cover the objectives of understanding opioid addiction, the impact of the epidemic impact on the community and strategies for tackling opioid issues, including opportunities for recovery and healing for addicts and their families

A question and answer session involving all speakers will conclude the evening.

The forum is open to anyone interested in increasing their knowledge and understanding of this troubling, trending topic.

The free forum is open to the public.

Swing Dance and Victory Rally set

A vintage swing dance and victory rally is planned or 5-9 p.m. Saturday, June 9 in downtown Belleville at Fourth and Main St.

Original Rosie the Riverters will be on hand along with food and entertainment. A pie eating contest, cake walk, Tarot reader and silent auction are planned along with a classic car show, a military vehicle parade and rides on a 5-ton army truck.

All donations will help the Willow Run Rosies march in the Fourth of July parade in Washington D.C.

Legends fundraiser set

It may be May, but the Basketball Legends of Inkster are already thinking about summer camps for students.

The group, which annually provides food and toys for 100 Inkster families during the holiday season, also hosts basketball clinics and camps for students during the summer will host the first fundraiser of the year from 4-10 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 at Texas Roadhouse.

That evening, 10 percent of all total food purchased will be donated to the Inkster group to help fund the upcoming basketball camps.

Texas Roadhouse is located at 36750 Ford Road. To donate to the Basketball Legends of Inkster, access the website, www.inksterlends.com for a copy of the invitation from Texas Roadhouse which must be presented to send the donation to the group.

The invitation can also be accessed and shown to the server on a smartphone.

Living Lawns is topic

The Friends of the Rouge will be presenting "Rain Smart: Living Lawns and (Rain) Gardens" at the Plymouth District Library from 10 a.m. until noon June 16.

The program will help participants learn how to use fewer chemicals on lawns and attract more birds and butterflies while also helping to solve problems like flooded streets and dirty creeks.

Register to attend at therouge.org/livinglawns.

Church group hosts golf outing

The St. Anthony Men's Club will host a golf outing beginning with registration from 8-8:30 a.m. Sunday, July 15 at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton Township.

A modified shotgun start is set for 9 a.m. and awards, drawings and an all American lunch buffet will take place at 2 p.m.

Entry fee of $70 per player includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn and beverage, along with the awards buffet. Fees paid prior to June 3 will be reduced by $5.

For more information or registration, call Ted Wisniewski, (734) 788-3266 or email twisniewski@demmer.com.

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